

REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE –
16 DECEMBER 2002

REPORT ON: DUNDEE SCHOOLS PPP PROJECT – FUTURE CONSULTATION AND
COMMUNICATION MECHANISMS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** This report describes proposed future consultation and communication mechanisms relating to the Dundee Schools PPP Project.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** The Committee is recommended to note and approve the proposed consultation and communication mechanisms as described at paragraph 7.0 below.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** The on-going consultation processes will be designed to involve as many interested parties as possible and will be devised in such a way as to be accessible to all.

6.0 BACKGROUND

- 6.1** Following on from the outcomes of the formal consultation process on the PPP project proposals which is the subject of a separate report and defines the project, it is proposed that mechanisms be put in place to ensure ongoing and effective consultation and communication between all interested parties in the event that the Committee is minded to proceed with a Dundee Schools PPP Project.

7.0 PROPOSED CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION MECHANISMS

- 7.1** In respect of all project proposals to be taken forward, the Director of Education undertakes to:
- i) continue to ensure that further individual meetings are held with Head Teachers regarding aspects of school design with appropriate PPP team members
 - ii) ensure Head Teachers undertake their own consultations with teaching and support staff
 - iii) ensure that focus groups of existing staff volunteers are brought together to discuss general aspects of school design

- iv) place the item "PPP Project Update" as a standing item on Pupil Council agendas, Head Teacher plenaries and other standing groups as appropriate
- v) take account of the submissions to the local "design your perfect school competition" which is being run in Dundee by the Education Department and the Dundee Branch of the EIS, with the co-operation of Children in Scotland who are running a national competition
- vi) continue to attend School Board and PTA meetings at schools involved in the project on an "ad hoc" or "by invitation" basis
- vii) meet with School Boards/PTAs/representative parent groups at key points in the project development eg early design stage and pre-tender to agree and "sign off" design specifications
- viii) produce regular reports on the outcomes of the meetings described at (vii) above and submit these to the PPP Project Board for consideration
- ix) identify an appropriate range of ways to engage the parents/carers of children at Kingspark in discussions.
- x) produce a quarterly newssheet reporting on all aspects of the PPP projects development and progress for distribution within "Dundee Education News"
- xi) provide regular press releases on progress
- xii) develop a PPP Project presence on the www.dundee.gov.uk website.

8.0 CONSULTATION

- 8.1** This report has been the subject of consultation with the Directors of Finance and Support Services.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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